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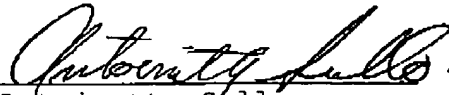
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

App. No.:	10/729,333	Att'y Docket:	EH-10880 (03-364)
Filing Date:	December 5, 2003	Conf No.:	1139
Inventor(s):	John J. Marcin, Jr. et al.	Group Art Unit:	1725
Assignee:	United Technologies Corporation	Examiner:	Kuang Y. Lin
Title:	SHELLING APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR INVESTMENT CASTING		

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RESPONSE TO WRITTEN ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 11, 2005, for which a response is due on May 11, 2005.

Election

Election was required as follows:


- I. Claim 1
- II. Claim 5
- III. Claim 9

Applicants elect the species of claim 9 with traverse. Claims 9-15 are believed to read upon the elected species. Traverse is on the grounds that examination of all the claims would not present an undue burden. In particular, apparatus claim 5 and method claim 9 are particularly amenable to a common search/examination. Accordingly, if the requirement is withdrawn, claims 1-15 will be examined. If not withdrawn, claims 9-15 will be examined.

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Accordingly, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

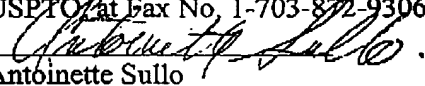
Respectfully submitted,

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